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WASHINGTON.

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Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Charleston (Sou. Car.) News and Courier of to-day contains an address to the people of the South by the Hon. C. G. Memminger, of that city, which is a very able and statesmanlike document. It can be had of Calhoun & Co. agents.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular announcing that the Secretary of the Interior has informed him that the Commissioner of Pensions has decided that the widow of a soldier who died of disease contracted in the service, and left a widow and minor children, is entitled to the pension, and that the widow alone is not entitled to it. The Secretary of the Treasury concurs in this decision, and directs that the pension be paid to the widow and minor children, and that the widow alone is not entitled to it

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Governor Palmer's Veto of the Bill Authorizing the Taxation of the Lands of the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 26, 1871.

Hon. Wm. H. Smith, Speaker of the House of Rep.

I have the honor to return to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the assessment of property for State, county, and township purposes, and to repeal certain acts therein named,' approved February 16, 1872," and to state my objections to the same.

By the first section it is proposed to amend the first section of the act to which this bill is an amendment, by striking out the words "Illinois Central Railroad Company," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The property of the said Illinois Central Railroad Company, and that of the several companies whose roads have been consolidated with the same, and which are now owned and operated by the said Illinois Central Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Cairo and Vincennes Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Peoria and Rock Island Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Illinois Southeastern Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Northwestern Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Western Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Terre Haute Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Jacksonville Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Illinois River Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Northeastern Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and Southeastern Railroad Company, and that operated under the lease of the Springfield and South

THE SPORTING WORLD.

Seventh Contest for the American Billiard Championship.

Crosby's Opera House Crowded by a Large and Fashionable Audience.

Dion the Winner by a Score of 1,501 to 1,164.

Base Ball Items—The Turf—Pugilism.

The seventh contest for the championship of the American game of billiards was had in Crosby's Opera House on Tuesday evening. The contestants were Frank Parker, of Chicago, and Cyrille Dion, of New York. The money at stake was $500, and the game was 1,500 points, the winner to receive two-thirds of the receipts of the evening, after deducting the expenses of the tournament. The referee was Mr. Harvey Doty, and the umpire Mr. Charles Gilbert, both of the Chicago TRIBUNE. To these gentlemen is due the credit of having planned the playing of the Millard Matches in Chicago on a scale of magnificence which has not been approached in this country. The arrangements were admirable in every respect, and the conduct of the contest was quiet and orderly throughout, owing, in some degree, to the presence of a small police force, which was distributed through the house. There were fully two thousand ladies present.

VISITORS FROM ABROAD.

The attendance of visitors from abroad was large, and comprised delegates from New York, Rockford, and most of the principal cities of the interior of the State. Among the visitors were Cap Sidney, of New York; Mr. Gardner, of Rockford, Ill.; Mr. Hall, of Rockford, Ill.; Mr. Bryce, Chairman of the Committee; Mr. Hall, of Omaha; Mr. Robert Dion, brother of Cyrille Dion; Mr. Dion, ex-Champion of Ohio; and many other gentlemen of more or less prominence.

THE PLAYERS

came upon the stage at 7:30 o'clock, and sat apart on the table about half-past 8. Both were cheered, of course, by their adherents. Mr. Gowen, on behalf of the Committee of the Chicago Club, announced the game to be 1,500 points, four-ball, pool and croker, counts, rack, carom and nurse. He also announced that the instrument to be used was the Brunswick & Balke combination table, and that the balls were the ivory ball, the red ivory ball, and the white ivory ball. The referee and umpire were then duly sworn in by Mr. Gowen, and the game began.

THE GAME.

In starting for the lead, Dion won the choice of balls (the white), and also of using the lower pocket. Parker then had the first shot, which he missed, leaving the balls in such a position that Dion had to play from the cushion. Dion made a fine shot, which Parker followed with a similar one, and Dion made 38. Parker came before the audience for the first time, and was received with applause. Dion made 38 more, and Parker 50. Dion made 50 more, and Parker 50. Dion made 50 more, and Parker 50. Dion made 50